



There has been a Catholic presence in Sault Ste. Marie since the 1600s when the Jesuits first arrived. Precious Blood Cathedral has been the visible and active sign of Catholicism in this area since 1875 and has been the seat of the Bishop for many generations. Previous Catholic generations have led us to be a people of faith with a rich history. Our parents, grandparents and great grandparents have 'grown' the Church by their good works and contributions to education and healthcare. Their faith journey has brought us to today.

As Bishop, I have asked Precious Blood Cathedral, the mother church in Sault Ste. Marie, to be a welcoming presence for all Catholics and take a leadership role in the preservation of our past and the revitalization of our present. This will enhance the excellent work being carried out in the Parishes and our commitment to 'Arise Together in Christ'.

Our journey from the 1600s, through industrialization and many periods of immigration continues into the 21st century. As we stand on the shoulders of all who have gone before us, future generations will stand on our shoulders enjoying what we have preserved and celebrated.

The creation of the proposed multi-use gathering place at the Cathedral will provide indoor and outdoor space for celebration, education and outreach. It offers to all Catholics the gift to remember and celebrate the past, which will inspire and enliven our present and future.

I call upon all Catholics to **Join the Journey** and contribute to its success.

**= Jean Louis Plouffe**



Our vision is to create a 'Gathering Place' for all Catholics at the Cathedral.

This will include a path beginning with a fountain flowing into a water feature symbolizing our journey from baptism to eternal life. At the end of the path will be a columbarium for the interment of ashes of our loved ones. Appropriately, along this path will be an artistic depiction of our Catholic history, remarkable for its good works and achievements by the laity, priests and religious congregations of men and women. To provide a space of quiet and peace in the busy downtown, there will be a reflective garden dedicated to Our Lady.

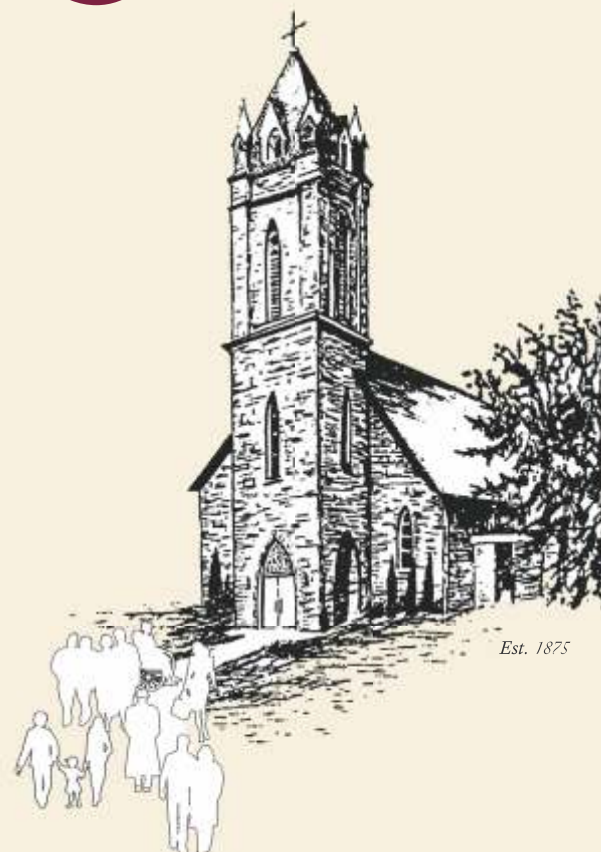
A multi-use building will be constructed as a venue for local, regional and diocesan celebrations, meetings, instruction, spiritual development and training for good works. It will house a repository of history of Catholicism in the area, display artifacts and acknowledge the contributions of former parishes and the diverse nationalities that they served.

We invite you and your family to **Join the Journey** as we celebrate and preserve our Catholic heritage for today and the future.

**Father Hamish Currie**

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**The Gathering Place**  
at Precious Blood Cathedral is  
the answer to the Bishops call to be  
a welcoming presence for all Catholics,  
the preservation of our past  
and the revitalization of our present.



View from Queen Street

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All Catholics are encouraged to  
**Join the Journey**  
and come forward individually and as families to  
practise our Catholic faith together and contribute  
to the success of this important initiative.



Reflective Garden Dedicated to Our Lady

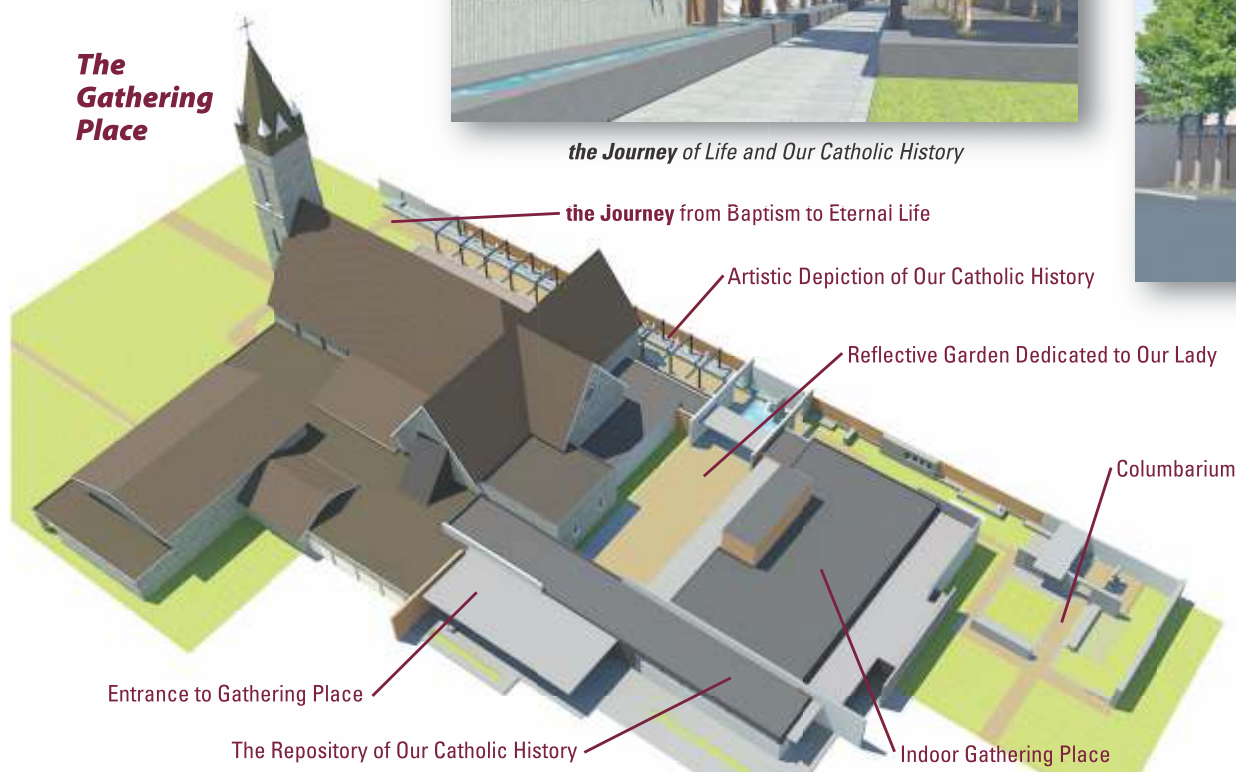


the Journey of Life and Our Catholic History



Entrance to Gathering Place and Repository

### **The Gathering Place**



Columbarium

### **Join the Journey information sheet**

to be completed for each member of your family regardless of age or city of residence.

Each family member will then receive a commemorative

**Join the Journey** membership card.

This form may also be completed online at

[www.preciousbloodssm.com](http://www.preciousbloodssm.com)

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